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TO: DIRECTOR.

REFS: A. DIRECTOR 745609

B. MEXICO CITY 34105 (1693086)

1. REFERENCES CROSSED.

2. IN MEANWHILE 21 SEPTEMBER NEW YURK TIMES ARRIVED CIRAZ
HERE. FYI 21 SEPTEMBER EDITION OF PRESTIGIOUS MEXICO CITY
DAILY "EXCELSIOR" CARRIED SUMMARY OF NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE.

- 3. ACTUALLY "THE NEWS" VERSION IS THE MORE DAMAGING

 ONE FROM OPERATIONAL AND LOCAL PUBLIC FELATIONS POINTS OF VIEW

 BECAUSE OF PHRASE "IN THE COURSE OF THE CIA'S ROUTINE

 MONITORING OF PHONE CALLS TO AND FROM THE SOVIET AND CUBAN

 EMBASSIES IN MEXICO CITY." SEE REFERENCE B.
- 4. AT MISSION COUNCIL MEETING 22 SEPTEMBER AMBASSADOR

 JOVA ISSUED INSTRUCTIONS THAT ANY QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE

 ABOVE SHOULD BE ANSWERED WITH PRANSE THAT "WE DO NOT CONFIRM.

 DENY OR SPECULATE ON STORIES RELATING TO ALLEGED INTELLIGENCE

 ACTIVITIES." AT SAME TIME JOVA ASKED FULITICAL SECTION TO SEND

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